

# Lake Oroville Recreation Area Survey

## Mailback Questionnaire

Dear Visitor,

During your recent visit to the Lake Oroville Area, you indicated you would participate further in our study of visitors. We would like to thank you for agreeing to receive and complete this questionnaire. The information we are gathering will be very useful in planning for the recreation needs of you and others.

The questionnaire form is self-explanatory. As you complete the questionnaire, please record your answers as accurately and legibly as you can. Your answers represent thousands of other people who are not included in this survey so it is very important that you return your questionnaire.

Answers you provide are confidential and will be combined with responses from other visitors. The questionnaire has an identification label for mailing purposes only. Our results will be summarized so that the answers you provide cannot be associated with you or anyone in your group or household.

When you complete the survey, just fold it so that our return address is showing, seal it with the peel-off tab provided, staple, and mail it back to us. Postage is pre-paid. Your cooperation in the effort is appreciated.

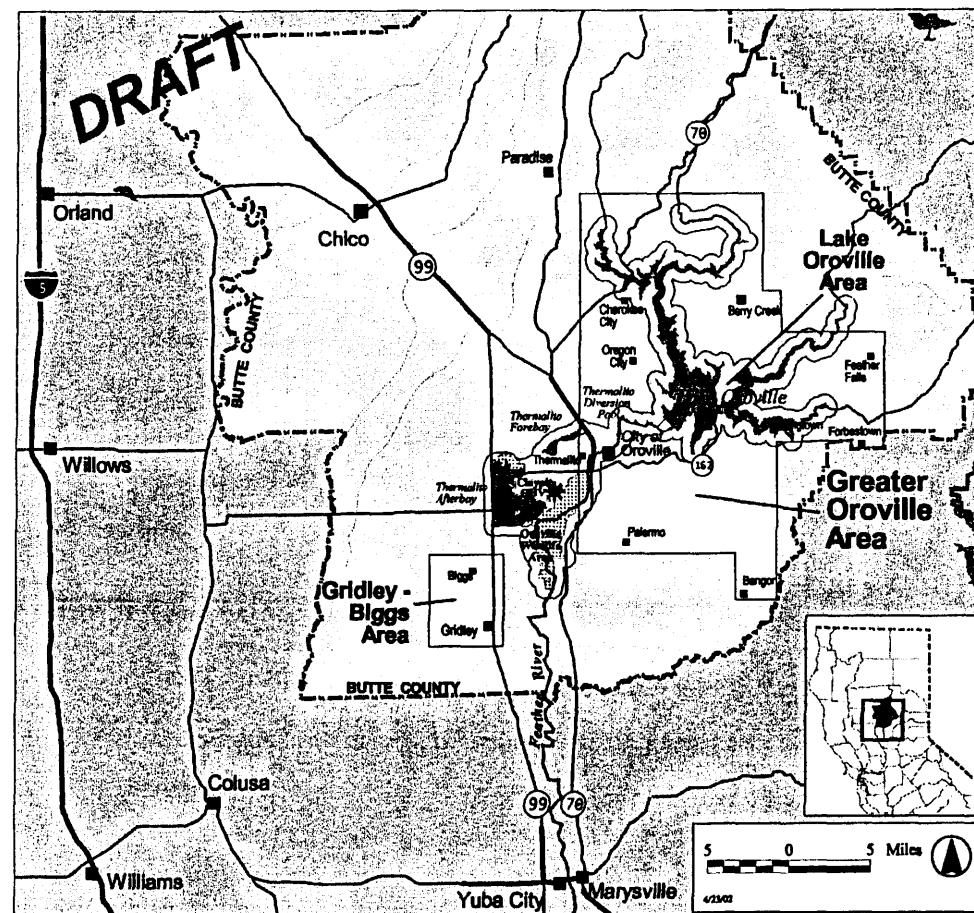
Sincerely,

Lake Oroville Recreation Area Survey Team

**PLEASE NOTE:** IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONLY THE PERSON WHO IS LISTED ON THE ADDRESS LABEL FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

THROUGHOUT THIS SURVEY, THE TERM "RECENT TRIP" REFERS TO THE TRIP TO THE LAKE OROVILLE RECREATION AREA THAT YOUR WERE ON WHEN YOU AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WERE INTERVIEWED ON \_\_\_\_\_.

MANY OF THE QUESTIONS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE REFER TO THE LAKE OROVILLE RECREATION AREA AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN BUTTE COUNTY. THESE AREAS ARE SHOWN IN THE MAP BELOW.



## PART A: TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMODATIONS

1. During your recent trip to the Lake Oroville Area, which of the following did you use for transportation? (**Check all that apply**)

- ☐ AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK, OR VAN NOT USED FOR CAMPING
- ☒ AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK, OR VAN PULLING CAMPER TRAILER
- ☐ CAMPING VEHICLE (5<sup>th</sup> wheel, motorhome, van conversion, etc.)
- ☐ BUS
- ☐ MOTORCYCLE
- ☐ BICYCLE
- ☐ OTHER (e.g. Train, Airplane, Boat, etc. please describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

2. On your recent trip to Lake Oroville Area did you stay at least one night away from home? (circle correct answer)

NO



If you did NOT stay away from home at least one night, skip from here to PART B on Page 5.

YES



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3. What type of accommodations did you use during your recent trip to the Lake Oroville Area? (**Check all that apply**)

- ☐ MOTEL/HOTEL
- ☐ BED AND BREAKFAST
- ☐ SECOND HOME

(If you checked this response, please answer the following two questions)

How far in miles is your second home from Lake Oroville SRA?      miles

How many days per year do you usually use your second home?      days

- ☐ OTHER RENTED ACCOMODATIONS (cabin, cottage, condo, guest home)
- ☐ FRIEND OR RELATIVE'S HOME
- ☐ RENTED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (including trailers, pop-ups, etc.)
- ☐ PERSONAL RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
- ☐ TENT
- ☐ BOAT (including houseboat)
- ☐ OTHER (please describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

## PART B. EQUIPMENT

4. Below is a list of equipment people sometimes take with them to recreation areas. Please check all the items that you took on your recent trip to the Lake Oroville Area. Also, please indicate the approximate amount that you've personally spent (both purchasing and maintaining) each of these equipment items **over the past 12 months.**

<u>EQUIPMENT ITEM</u>	<u>APPROX. \$ SPENT</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> MOTORIZED BOAT	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MOTORIZED BOAT (canoe, kayak, row, sail, etc.)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> BOAT TRAILER	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> HORSE TRAILER	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> WATERSKIING EQUIPMENT	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> JET SKIS	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CAMPING VEHICLE (motorhome, van or bus, travel trailer, truck camper, 5 <sup>th</sup> wheel, etc.)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLE	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLE	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> OFF-ROAD VEHICLE (three-wheels, trail bikes, etc.)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FISHING EQUIPMENT	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> HUNTING EQUIPMENT	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT (surfboards, hang gliders, windsurfers, aircraft) – please list	
1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____

## PART C. RECENT TRIP EXPENDITURES

This section includes a list of goods and services that people purchase when on a recreation-related trip. Please tell us how much you spent on each item on your recent trip. Because where you spend your money is important to understanding how recreation-related activity affects the local economy, we ask you to estimate your spending by location where the spending occurred. The locations include 1) outside of Butte County, 2) within key communities/cities in Butte County, and 3) onsite at Lake Oroville. An EXAMPLE TRIP is described below.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- If you were sharing expenses with others, we just want to know about your own expenses.
- If you were paying expenses for other people in your group as well, please list all the expenses you paid and indicate below how many people including yourself that you were paying for.

**5. PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INCLUDING YOURSELF THAT YOU WERE PAYING EXPENSES FOR ... \_\_\_\_\_ people**

### EXAMPLE TRIP

You, your wife, and two children spent three days recreating at the Lake Oroville Area. You spent two nights camping at Loafer Creek Campground. You paid for all expenses, including groceries for the trip (\$86) in the Oroville Area, gasoline (\$32) in Redding, campground fees for two nights (\$34) at Loafer Creek Campground, fishing supplies (\$47) in Chico, and souvenirs (\$21) at a gift shop in the City of Oroville. You would complete this section as shown in the EXAMPLE portion of the table on the following page.

TYPE OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT SPENT OUTSIDE BUTTE COUNTY		AMOUNT SPENT IN BUTTE COUNTY COMMUNITIES					
	Preparing for Trip	Traveling to and from Lake Oroville Area	Oroville Area*	Paradise	Gridley/Biggs	Chico	Elsewhere in Butte County	Onsite at Lake Oroville
<b>Lodging</b>								
EXAMPLE: camped 2 nights at Loafer Creek	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>34</u>
- hotels/motels/inns	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- rental homes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- camping	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Food &amp; Beverages</b>								
EXAMPLE: purchased grocery supplies in City of Oroville	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>86</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- purchased at food stores	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- purchased at restaurants	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Transportation</b>								
EXAMPLE: purchased gas for family car in Redding	\$ _____	\$ <u>32</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- vehicle rental	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- vehicle gas and oil	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- vehicle repair/service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- parking fees and tolls	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- boat gas and oil	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- boat repair and service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- bus fares	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- other (e.g., air fare, train fare, boat fares other than fishing charters)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Activities/Entertainment</b>								
EXAMPLE: bought fishing supplies in Chico	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>47</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____
- fishing/hunting: licenses	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- fishing: boat charters	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- fishing/hunting: bait, supplies, equipment	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- other rec equipment purchased for this trip (tents, sleeping bags, sporting equipment)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Miscellaneous Spending</b>								
EXAMPLE: bought souvenirs at gift shop in City of Oroville	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>21</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- film purchases/developing	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- clothing	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- souvenirs/gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- personal services	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
- other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

\*Including the communities of Oregon City, Cherokee City, Berry Creek, Stringtown, Feather Falls, Forbestown, Bangor, Palermo, and Thermalito

6. Do you feel that the estimates you provided for your recent trip to the Lake Oroville Area were (check one):

- ☐ VERY ACCURATE FOR MOST ITEMS  
☐ REASONABLY ACCURATE FOR MOST ITEMS  
☐ NOT VERY ACCURATE FOR MOST ITEMS

#### PART D. YOUR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

7. Were there recreation activities or special events **NOT** offered in the Lake Oroville Area that you would like to do?

- ☐ No, all the opportunities I wanted were offered  
☐ Yes. If yes, which activities:

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8. Here is a list of recreation places in northern California. Indicate the places you have visited for day or overnight recreation *in the past 12 months*. (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Almanor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yuba River
<input type="checkbox"/> Butt Valley Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Pit River
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Oroville	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Tahoe
<input type="checkbox"/> Bucks Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Lassen Volcanic National Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Berryessa
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Grass Valley Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Folsom Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> Honey Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> South Fork American River
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Britton	<input type="checkbox"/> Stoney Gorge Reservoir
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Shasta	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Butte Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> Lassen National Forest rivers and lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumas National Forest rivers and lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Frenchman Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Fork Feather River	<input type="checkbox"/> Whiskeytown Lake
<input type="checkbox"/> South Fork Feather River	<input type="checkbox"/> North Fork of Feather River
<input type="checkbox"/> North Fork Feather River	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento River	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

9. Did you visit any of the above places on your recent trip to the Lake Oroville area?

- ☐ No.  
☐ Yes. If yes, indicate which places from above:

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10. The following question lists things you might or might not have experienced at the Lake Oroville Area. For each item below, indicate how much of a problem you think it is. If you are not sure, mark "not applicable." If it is a problem, indicate the location if you would like to identify a specific site in your evaluation. (Check the appropriate box for each item.)

Experience	A big problem	A moderate problem	A slight problem	Not a problem	NA	Location
Litter around the lake shoreline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sanitation around the lake shoreline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cost to use facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to find a picnic table	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to find a campsite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interaction between trail users and other users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Amount of convenient parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Numbers of watercraft on the lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Noise from boats and personal watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boat speed or wake effects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to launch a boat or watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wait times to launch a boat or watercraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interaction between water skiers and other users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interaction between pleasure boaters & boat anglers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to access Boat-in campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Exposed land during lower water levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shallow areas during lower water levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floating debris in the water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quality of water in lake/river	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water level fluctuations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interaction between PWCs (jetski/waverunner) and other users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unsafe behavior by other users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Numbers of people at developed facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Use of alcohol by other users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Traffic and congestion on nearby roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interaction between visitors and residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Overall safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adequate protection from the wind	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adequate information/warnings provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quality of habitat for hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quality space for hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

11. How do you evaluate the following facilities or services at the Lake Oroville Area? Write the name of the specific location if you would like to direct your evaluation toward a specific site. (Circle the appropriate number for each item)

Type of Facility or Service	Too Low		About Right		Too High	NA	Location
Number of boat ramps	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of docks or temporary moorage	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Boat-in primitive campsites	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of boat-in campsites	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Presence of campground hosts	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of campgrounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of campsites with RV hookups	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Amount of parking along roads	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Landscaping	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Group picnic sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Amount of swim areas	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of equestrian facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of marinas	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of group campsites	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Amount of public access areas on shoreline	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Amount of screening between campsites	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of developed day use or picnic areas around the shore	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of interpretive programs/educational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Boat-in gas stations	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Shower facilities at campgrounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Shower facilities at day use areas	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of restrooms around the shoreline	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Floating campsites	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Shade trees	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Fish cleaning stations	1	2	3	4	5	6	
The number of unpaved bike trails	1	2	3	4	5	6	
The number of hiking trails	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of signs indicating trail locations	1	2	3	4	5	6	
The number of paved bike trails	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Number of equestrian trails	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Law enforcement presence	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Other (specify) _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	

12. Overall, on your recent trip to the Lake Oroville Area, how satisfying was your recreation experience? (check one)

- ☐ Extremely dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Neither dissatisfied or satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Extremely satisfied

13. Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

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